

595th Sapper Company Conducts Training at Stallion Range Camp, NM

White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Over the Month of January Soldiers of the 595th Sapper Company conducted a live fire exercise that included an M4 qualification range and an M249 and M240B familiarization.

Soldiers zeroed and qualified on their assigned weapon systems. The training that the Soldiers conducted at Stallion Range Camp will continually be used in their military career. In addition leaders will plan future events to build on that training.

Over a four day period, FOB Stallion was alive with activity. Soldiers trained and prepared for a live fire exercise and other small unit tactics. The training was realistic and significant. New Soldiers learned the importance of the concept; shoot, move, and communicate.

However, new Soldiers were not the only ones to gain experience.

“Being able to move tactically and effectively is what is needed in this current war. It’s not the tanks and Bradleys bringing the fight to the enemy in the Mountains of Afghanistan, it’s the small units moving into the enemy’s space getting the jump on them,” said Army SSG Jonathan Welford, 2nd Platoon “Pit Bulls” Platoon Sergeant.

SSG Welford was one of the lane safeties during the live fire exercise and continually challenged every squad that went through the lane.

“Forcing Squad leaders to adapt to new and challenging situations will constantly keep them thinking of the multiple things that may happen. So they are prepared for it instead of reacting to it.”

This exercise and the many other training exercises scheduled for the near future are just a few ways the company leadership hopes to build Soldiers’ confidence and mold the unit into a competent team prior to their next deployment rotation.

